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For: METHODS AND DEVICES )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first paragraph and insert the following corrected paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/884,435, filed June 19, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/614,991, filed July 12, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/507,336 filed February 18, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/356,476, filed July 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/157,824, filed September 21, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/943,683, filed October 15, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/735,036, filed October 22, 1996, the full disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--